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GEN. MIDDLETON said in Ottawa last week that the Gatling gun in Indian warfare is "absolutely valueless"—forgetful of the wholesale praise of the tool at Bathe.

The Steele Ozone is the name of a newspaper published in Dakota. In Montana we do not have to steal ozone; it is as free as water. Come to Montana and grow up with the country.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN has been employed in a minstrel troupe under a contract which forbids his engaging in any ring fight or boxing exhibition without consent of the proprietors.

THE Chinese must go. The Knights of Labor at Anaconda have issued a pronouncement to the business men of the place threatening to boycott any one who employs Chinese labor.

The purchase by Thos. Cruse of the sheep belonging to the Montana Sheep company will have a stimulating effect upon the industry in this territory. This is the largest sheep deal ever made in Montana.

LATE telegrams announce the fact that Louis Riel has been respite to await the action of the imperial government's privy council. No one thought that he would be executed on the 18th, as advertised. The hanging of Riel means a political revolution in Canada, and the present government does not desire a change.

In regard to the moving of cattle from the Indian territory the cattlemen, Gen. Miles says, have had a great deal to contend with, for there have been unusually heavy rains in the territory, and what few bridges there were have been washed away, and the water has been so high that they were compelled to move slowly.

THE surgeon general of Canada in his reports of casualties during the recent rebellion says that only one man was found whose death was known to have resulted from Gatling gun bullets, and adds that the moral effect of these guns was tremendous. This will not help Capt. Howard, who was praised so much for the manner in which the guns were handled.

AN American actor now in Austria has put upon his bills that he with great difficulty secured a leave of absence from President Cleveland to play in Austria one month. To this some American wag added a foot note saying that, while President Cleveland reluctantly granted the permission to go, he peremptorily refused to give him permission to come back.

AN Ottawa, Ont., special says: Justice Richardson, who sentenced Riel to death, has received a number of letters threatening his life if Riel is hanged. The impression, however, strengthens daily that the rebel leader will not be hanged. Several prominent French Canadian journals are endeavoring to stir up race prejudice between that nationality and the English speaking population. One journal calls upon the French Canadians to ignore the English, to purchase nothing at their stores, and only to speak the English language when it will bring British silver into their pockets.

THE engagement between the troops and Indians while it did not result in doing much damage to the Indians shows that the troops are now in the field to do all in their power to prevent the horse stealing raids. This we believe is the first time the troops have met the Indians and we only regret that their number was not greater to have enabled the sergeant to capture the entire band. Horse-stealing is one of the arts at which the Crows and Peigans are proficient and we are afraid that they will not be induced to discontinue the practice until they have been taught a lesson such as Col. Baker gave the Peigans years ago.

THERE is no question now but what a railroad will be built to Fort Benton from the Canadian Pacific. Of course there is considerable speculation as to where it will start from. Our advices from the north are sufficiently encouraging to warrant the belief that the Galt Railway company have in serious contemplation the extension of their line from Lethbridge. In addition to this the Canada Gazette, the official organ of the government, asserts that a notice of a petition for a charter to construct a road from Medicine Hat or Dunmore toward Fort Benton will be presented to parliament. Canadian capitalists are alive to the importance of a feeder reaching into Montana, and we believe they will be first in the field to shut off competition. It cannot come too soon to suit all of us.

THE TARIFF.

We notice in several eastern exchanges that there seems to be a disposition on the part of certain members of congress to doctor the tariff at the approaching session. We trust these would-be statesmen will let well enough alone and try, on this question at least, to maintain a state of masterly inactivity. Many of our industrial troubles arise from constant efforts toward tariff legislation. No sooner is an act passed and put in operation than some new-fledged politician comes forward with some other measure repealing, amending or in some manner affecting what the country has hardly tried long enough to judge intelligently concerning. If we could only stop legislation for from four to six years the country would be far better off. We have too many statutes and too much legislation. We are cursed with too many statesmen, too many solons—in name and manner, at least. If a kind providence should sit down on a few hundred or so of these beings the country would begin to prosper. The great manufacturing interests would not be in constant danger as they now are by reason of this incessant tinkering with the tariff. Our country is not so much in need of new laws as it is of permanent laws and the necessity of having existing laws fairly enforced, until by actual experience and demonstration they shall be found inadequate to answer the ends for which they were originally enacted. Too much legislation, either in territory, state or nation, is a nuisance that ought to be promptly abated.

THE INDIAN QUESTION.

A special telegram to the Pioneer Press from Billings gives what is called a serious phase of the Indian question, and recites at length the depredations of Piegan Indians in that section, and makes the old, worn out statement that the Indians should be kept on their reservations. It is practically impossible for one agent with a few subordinates to keep track of all the Indians under his control. At the Piegan agency Major Allen has made every effort to stop his Indians from raiding. They are well fed and there is no reason why they should go on the war path, except to gratify an inherent devilishness. But few Piegians have left the agency this summer; the stealing is done by Bloods and North Piegians from over the border, and it is asserted hundreds of horses have been stolen and are now in the Northwest territory. They are sold, and, we are informed, find a ready market at almost any price for money.

There is another side to the Indian depredations. The Crows for years have made raids in northern Montana and in many instances have set settlers afoot. To remedy this evil there should be a concerted movement of troops to patrol the country, and a large number stationed at every agency. The people of northern Montana petitioned for this last winter, but their petition was undoubtedly pigeonholed. Troops are now in motion throughout the territory, but they find it difficult work to follow Indians; in fact the Indians break up into parties of two or three, making capture impossible. The question will not be solved fully until the reservations are cut down and a partial civilization forced upon the Indians by closer contact with the whites.

OWING to the scarcity of one and two dollar bills they bring a premium in New York of \$1.25 per \$1,000. The action of Treasurer Jordan in withdrawing them is exciting severe comment. It is claimed that such action could only be taken by the express authority of congress.

THE Illinois bar loses one of its brightest lights in the death of Emory A. Storrs, which occurred very suddenly and unexpectedly last week at Ottawa, Ill. Few men in the west had attained a more enviable eminence in the ranks of the legal profession than he.

THE boys who have been nominated to cadetships at West Point this year fall far below the average, intellectually, of any previous year. There will be about fifty vacancies owing to failure to stand examination.

THE members of the New York Yacht club are much elated over the race. They say the Puritan could have beaten the Genesta fully fifteen minutes if everything had been favorable.

THE smallest cow in the world weighs 350 pounds, is thirty-four inches high, and gives three gallons of milk per day. The animal is on exhibition at the state fair at Toledo, Ohio.

A CANE carried by Andrew Jackson is exhibited in Boston. It was bought by Mr. Bogey, of Roxbury, from an old negro who had been Jackson's body servant.

A SALE of 104 blooded Jersey cattle was recently made near Atlanta, Georgia. The price paid for the lot is said to be \$50,000.

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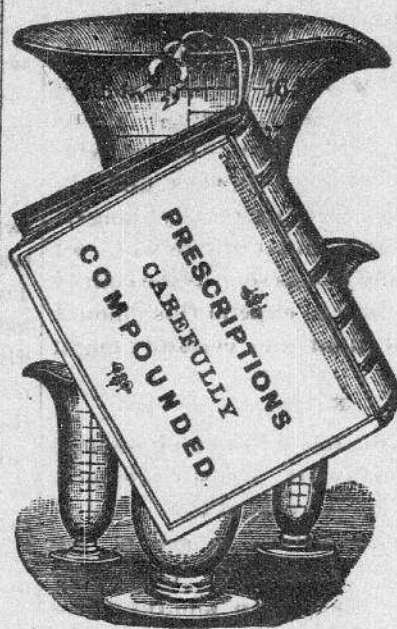
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